

YOUR COUNTY NEEDS YOU!

With these hard economic times, we all have a lot on our mind. As a result, recycling may have become less of a priority. Perhaps you don't believe your contribution to Dunn County's recycling efforts makes a difference. Think again. Last year, Dunn County recycled over 3,300,000 pounds of paper and cardboard which produced \$174,357 in earnings. When we recycle, we not only create less waste, we also generate revenue. This ultimately brings down the cost of recycling for you, the public. Also, many manufacturers need raw materials such as cardboard, steel or aluminum to function in a cost effective manner. They depend on people to recycle. Can we count on you?



Artist Mark Langan of Ohio created this unique sculpture from reclaimed corrugated cardboard boxes. To see more of Mark's green art, go to www.langanart.com.

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Dunn County Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Stations

The following Collection Stations and the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center accept:				Yard waste is accepted at:
Recyclables	Anti-Freeze	Automotive Batteries	Construction Materials*	Boyceville Area Collection Station Colfax Area Collection Station Elk Mound Area Collection Station Dunn County Yard Waste Drop-Off Site
Household Garbage	Used Oil Filters	Rechargeable Batteries	Demolition Materials*	
Scrap Metal	Appliances*	Used Oil	Cellular Phones	
Furniture*	Tires*	Sharps (needles)	Ink Jet Cartridges	
Electronics*				

* a fee is charged to recycle or dispose of the material

Facilities and Hours of Operation

<p>Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center E3900 Hwy 29, Menomonie Hours: Mondays 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays 7 a.m. to Noon</p>	<p>Elk Mound Area Collection Station 401 570th Avenue, which is at the end of 570th Avenue Hours: Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (April 1- Oct. 31) Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Nov. 1- March 31) Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p>
<p>Boyceville Area Collection Station E2698 County Road N Hours: Wednesdays Noon to 7 p.m. (April 1- Oct. 31) Wednesdays Noon to 5 p.m. (Nov. 1- March 31) Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Ridgeland Area Collection Station N12184 Hwy 25 Hours: Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. (April 1- Oct. 31) Wednesdays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Nov. 1- March 31) Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon</p>
<p>Colfax Area Collection Station N9417 810th Street Hours: Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (April 1- Oct. 31) Wednesdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Nov. 1- March 31) Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Rock Creek Area Collection Station N1825 980th Street Hours: Wednesdays 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. (April 1- Oct. 31) Wednesdays Noon to 4 p.m. (Nov. 1- March 31) Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon</p>
<p>Connorsville Area Collection Station Behind old Connorsville Co-op Creamery Hours: Wednesdays 8 a.m. to Noon Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon</p>	<p>Sand Creek Area Drop-Off Site (recyclables only) Hours: Saturdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p>
<p>Downsville Area Collection Station N2723 440th Street (1/2 mile north of State Hwy 72) Hours: Wednesdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Dunn County Yard Waste Drop-Off Site Accepts brush, leaves and grass clippings only N5515 377th Street in the Town of Menomonie Hours: April 1 thru November 15 (weather permitting) Mondays 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturdays 7 a.m. to Noon</p>

Municipalities with their own Solid Waste and/or Recycling programs:

<p>Town of Eau Galle Service through Pepin County (672-5709) or by purchasing a solid waste permit from Dunn County (232-4017).</p>	<p>Village of Knapp Weekly curbside collection of recyclables and household waste. The Village sponsors an Annual Clean-Up Day. Contact Village Hall at 665-2495.</p>
<p>Town of Hay River Accepts recyclables and household waste. Contact Stanley Andrews at 632-2104.</p>	<p>City of Menomonie Bagged household garbage, yard waste and scrap metal is accepted at the City of Menomonie Drop-Off Site 232-2302. Hours: Tuesday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.</p>
<p>Town of Sand Creek Recyclables only at the Sand Creek Area Drop-Off Site. Hours of operation are Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about disposing of household garbage, contact a local hauler or Dunn County Solid Waste Division.</p>	
<p>Town of Stanton Accepts recyclables and household waste. The Town sponsors an Annual Clean-Up Day. Contact Valerie Windsor at 665-2568.</p>	

The above information is subject to change. Current as of April 2009. Must be a member of the Dunn County Program and have a County Permit to use the Solid Waste Program.

Web Site

More information may be obtained from the Dunn County web site at www.co.dunn.wi.us. From the County web site, click on County Departments on the left side. Scroll down to the Dunn County Transfer Station and Recycling Center photo and click on the photo.

A permit is required to dispose of household waste at any Dunn County Collection Station.



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Recycling Containers Now Available for Special Events

When temperatures start to rise and flowers start to bloom, the public often gathers outside. Community events are what make our municipalities strong. Many local events are well attended and are common places to enjoy a can of soda, bottle of water or an adult beverage. All of which should **not** be thrown into the trash. Dunn County wants to help event organizers and park coordinators provide recycling containers for use at special events.

Lightweight and portable event recycling bins are exactly how Dunn County will be armed for local events throughout the county. These bins have blue frames, blue lids and clear bags so it will be very apparent that they are only for recycling purposes. Along with the 60 recycling bins that the county will have available to event coordinators and park staff, there will also be a colorful trailer that will house the bins, bags, instructions, and any other devices that may be necessary to guarantee recycling success at an outdoor event. These bins are free to use, with a minimal security deposit. Contact Dunn County Solid Waste for more information and to reserve recycling bins for your special event!



Best Buy Recycling Update

Last fall, the Dunn County Recycler reported that Best Buy in Eau Claire recycles a wide range of electronics free of charge. While this is still largely correct, there has been a slight change to their store policy. A \$10 recycling fee is now charged for items with screens. This includes items such as TVs that are 32" and under, CRTs, monitors and laptops. The recycling fee, however, is offset with a \$10 Gift Card. Please also note that Best Buy cannot accept TVs greater than 32" or external/internal hard drives which need to be removed before recycling laptops and desktops. Calling Best Buy to confirm recycling guidelines is always recommended.

Medication Round Up Now Available Year Round

Dunn County residents no longer have to wait for a particular collection date to dispose of their unwanted or expired medicines. Instead, a permanent drop-off location is now available at the Dunn County Sheriff's Office. Thanks to a grant, Dunn County Sheriff, Dennis Smith, and the Dunn County Solid Waste Division will collaborate in transporting and disposing of the collected medications to a licensed incinerator near St. Louis, Missouri.

the signs to the Sheriff's Office. Medications can be dropped off at the window service. Please note that this collection is for prescription and over the counter medications. No sharps or personal hygiene products will be accepted.

For more information visit the website at www.co.dunn.wi.us and search for recycling; or contact the Dunn County Solid Waste Division at 232-4017.

With proper collection of medicines, the potential for poisoning and medication abuse will be dramatically reduced. Sheriff Smith believes "this will cut down on medication thefts and the horrible intent to create worse substances with over-the-counter drugs". Waterways will also be protected because there is no longer an excuse for flushing unwanted or expired medications down the drain. Bottom line? This program will help create a safer and healthier community, so please join in.



Dunn County Sheriff Dennis Smith with secured medication collection barrel.

The Sheriff's Office is located in the Dunn County Judicial Center at 615 Stokke Parkway. Hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Park on the lower level lot and head left after the main doors, following

Hazardous Waste in 2009

With the Governor's 2009 budget proposal, grants for hazardous waste collections have unfortunately been cut. With no immediate disposal options, we need to think about whether these hazardous materials are actually needed, and if so, how much will actually be used. Perhaps smaller quantities of the item can be purchased. Or maybe there is an eco-friendly alternative that can be used instead. If you do have leftover hazardous material, offer it to a friend or neighbor who could use it to finish a project of their own. This saves money and cuts down on hazardous waste.



Latex paint is one item that can be easily disposed of when dried out. When dried, the paint can no longer leach down into the earth, causing damage to the environment. **To dry out paint:** If a can of paint is less than 1/4 full, remove the lid and in a well ventilated area (away from children and pets) let the paint dry

in the can. Locked screen porches or balconies work well for this. Stir paint occasionally to speed up the process. Smaller amounts of paint can also be used up by painting an old piece of cardboard or newspaper until the paint is gone. Once dried, the paint can, cardboard, and/or newspaper can be disposed of in the garbage.

For cans less than 1/2 full, pour kitty litter or "oil dry" into the can. Stir the mixture and let dry. A commercial paint hardener can also be purchased from a hardware store or home improvement center and be used for the same effect. For larger amounts of paint or latex paint that has separated, line a cardboard box with a plastic bag.

Place kitty litter, sand, sawdust, crumpled paper, vermiculite or ground corn cobs inside and pour a limited amount of paint on top, allowing it to harden. Repeat this procedure until the paint is gone. Once everything has dried, dispose of the bag and its contents in the trash and recycle the box.